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Dodgers' "Pride" Night a Strikeout

Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers finally held their highly anticipated LGBT "Pride" celebration at Dodger Stadium on Friday, June 16. The event, celebrating the anti-Catholic drag queen group The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, was initially scheduled, [canceled](#) due to backlash from Catholic groups, and then [rescheduled](#) after the team bowed to pressure from the LGBT mafia.

The Dodgers' wishy-washy response and their cowardly acquiescence to LGBT groups caused members of the Catholic community in Southern California to come out in droves to protest the event. Thousands of Catholics and other Christian groups blocked one entrance to the stadium, praying and letting out their outrage for the inclusion of The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a group that mocks nuns and the Catholic faith.

During very sparsely attended pre-game festivities, the Dodgers gave the heretical group a "Community Hero" award.

Community reaction was mixed. Although there was barely anyone in the crowd as The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence received their award, attendance eventually climbed to just over 49,000. The previous year's "Pride" night was attended by over 52,000.

But community reaction was mixed in other ways as well. For instance, the *Los Angeles Times* referred to the [event](#) as a "rainbow of love."

"Dodger Stadium has rarely looked more empty," [wrote](#) columnist Bill Plaschke. But, he added, "Dodger Stadium has rarely felt more full.... Dodgers' Pride Night feels like a rainbow of love."

But the "love" Plaschke described was not felt by everyone. Bill Donohue of the Catholic League referred to the event as a "bust."

Donohue and the Catholic League were largely responsible for the protest of the Dodgers' "Pride" event and claimed a cultural victory.

"I am happy to say that our effort paid off. There was almost no one in the stands when the 'Sisters' received their award. And the few who were there booed. This is a sweet victory." Donohue [wrote](#).

"What happened on June 16 is a cultural marker. Just like Bud Light, Target and other establishment organizations that have laid anchor with extremists, the Dodgers—and Major League Baseball in general—found out that the elites do not have the last word. The people do. In the end, indecency and bigotry were defeated," Donohue concluded.



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Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are honored in a largely empty stadium



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Dodgers' superstar hurler Clayton Kershaw, who held a players' only meeting to discuss the event with teammates, agreed with Donohue.

"This has nothing to do with the LGBTQ community or Pride or anything like that," [Kershaw said](#). "This is simply a group that was making fun of a religion, that I don't agree with."

Kershaw's teammate Blake Treinen, a pitcher for the team, was even more blunt.

"Since I have been with the Dodger's [sic] they have been at the forefront of supporting a wide variety of groups," [Treinen said](#) in a statement. "However, inviting the Sister's [sic] of Perpetual indulgence to perform disenfranchises a large community and promotes hate of Christians and people of faith."

"People like baseball for its entertainment value and competition. The fans do not want propaganda or politics forced on them," he concluded.

Other MLB players chimed in as well. Washington Nationals pitcher Trevor Williams said he was "deeply troubled" by the Dodgers' actions.

"To invite and honor a group that makes a blatant and deeply offensive mockery of my religion, and the religion of over 4 million people in Los Angeles county alone, undermines the values of respect and inclusivity that should be upheld by any organization," Williams said in a tweet.

"Creating an environment in which one group feels celebrated and honored at the expense of another is counterproductive and wrong. It is a clear violation of the Dodgers' Discrimination Policy, which explicitly states that any conduct or attire at the ballpark that is deemed to be indecent or prejudice against any particular group (or religion) is not tolerated," he pointed out.

It's a far cry from the actions of Toronto Blue Jays' pitcher Anthony Bass. Bass initially supported boycotts of Bud Light over their sponsorship of transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney and Target for their line of "trans-friendly" swimwear, but after being harassed by LGBT groups, issued a groveling apology before being released from the team.

If "Pride" month of 2023 has shown us anything, it is that the LGBT mafia can go too far in what it expects from everyday Americans. "Pride" propaganda appears to have reached its saturation point. The average American it seems has grown weary of being called "homophobic" and "transphobic." Those silly and fabricated terms are quickly losing their sting, and not a minute too soon.



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